

REMARKS

The Examiner requests that non-elected claims be canceled. Applicant's amendment conforms to this request. Claims 1-29 have now been canceled. Claim 29 was dependent on Claim 27, which was previously canceled. Accordingly, Claim 29 has been canceled and given a new number 32. Claim 32 is now dependent on Claim 30.

Claim 30 is an independent claim that, as Applicant understands the Examiner's comments in the Advisory Action, is in condition for allowance. Claims 31-32 are dependent on Claim 30 and are also in condition for allowance, as indicated in the Advisory Action.

In addition, the Examiner indicates that the exclusion of Vitamin A requires a new search. Vitamin A was removed in the Preliminary Amendment mailed January 10, 2002 when the petition was revived, thus Vitamin A was already excluded when examination began. Consequently, no new search is required.

Based on the foregoing, the Applicant respectfully submits that its claims are in condition for allowance at this time. Accordingly, reconsideration of the application and passage to allowance are respectfully solicited.

The Examiner is respectfully urged to call the undersigned attorney at (515) 288-2500 to discuss the claims in an effort to reach a mutual agreement with respect to claim limitations in the present application which will be effective to define the patentable subject matter if the present claims are not deemed adequate for this purpose.

Respectfully submitted,

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